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**From:** Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2008 4:23 PM
**To:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com
**Subject:** FW: Email

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov [mailto:WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov]

Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2008 2:34 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Chris Wetmore

address: 1043 H Street Anchorage AK 99501

907.223.9256

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Sarah...I heard you're on your way to the Republican Convention, so I'll look for your speech on TV. Best of Luck in your Travels. Katey sez "HEY".

Yours Truly

Chris Wetmore FOG

Vietnam Vets Motorcycle Club....Chapter D

alaska_fog@hotmail.com

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**From:** Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2008 10:13 AM
**To:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com
**Subject:** FW: Encouraging Email

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov [mailto:WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2008 3:47 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: General_Administration

Web mail from: Ms. Bonny Stark

address: 23501 Northwoods Cr Chugiak AK 99567

MESSAGE:

Hello Sarah, I hope this gets to you personally, I want you to know my husband and I support you fully, I know you will be completly cleared of any wrong doing. We know this becasue the way you answer the questions posed you. I know people are so negetive but keep the faith that I know you have and

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**From:** Nizich, Michael A (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MANIZICH]

**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2008 7:55 AM

**To:** 'gov.palin@yahoo.com'; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)

**Subject:** FW: In re Investigation Pertaining to Termination of Walt Monegan(Confidential Attorney Client Communication)

FYI, I plan on contacting him today. I tried Friday but did not make contact.

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**From:** Thomas V. Van Flein [mailto:tvf@cplawak.com]
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2008 3:29 PM
**To:** Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
**Subject:** Re: In re Investigation Pertaining to Termination of Walt Monegan(Confidential Attorney Client Communication)

Can you give me a contact number where I can call this evening.

Sent from my BlackBerry device from Cellular One

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**From:** "Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>
**Date:** Fri, 22 Aug 2008 14:44:26 -0800
**To:** <tvf@cplawak.com>
**Subject:** FW: In re Investigation Pertaining to Termination of Walt Monegan (Confidential Attorney Client Communication)

Mr. Van Flein, I received your message and will follow through with your request, but before I do I just question the "all members of the Office of the Governor to preserve all records" there are clearly members in this office that had no involvement or knowledge regarding the termination of Walt Monegan. So before I forward your message I would like to talk to you briefly about this. Thanks.

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**From:** Barnhill, Michael A (LAW)
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2008 11:57 AM
**To:** Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: In re Investigation Pertianing to Termination of Walt Monegan (Confidential Attorney Client Communication)

Mike—pls see below. If you could forward that to all Ofc of Governor staff along with the preservation instruction that I originally sent (which I will forward to you now). Thx.

Mike B.

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**From:** Thomas V. Van Flein [mailto:tvf@cplawak.com]
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2008 11:55 AM
**To:** Barnhill, Michael A (LAW)
**Cc:** John J. Tiemessen; Lisa C. Hamby
**Subject:** In re Investigation Pertianing to Termination of Walt Monegan (Confidential Attorney Client Communication)

Dear Mike:

At my direction, please inform all members of the Office of the Governor to preserve all records, above and beyond what normal state protocol may require, for the duration of this investigation or until we say otherwise. It will be our job to determine what privileges may apply, and by asking that this information be preserved, I am not implying, nor do I want it inferred, that everything will therefore be made public. As you know, but not all may know, there are a variety of privileges that control the dissemination of this type of information and each document, should it be deemed relevant, will have to be combed through for executive privilege, attorney client privilege, work product, deliberative process privilege, spousal privilege, privacy, and even the context of separation of powers will have to be weighed in reviewing this information. Thank you for your assistance.

Thomas V. Van Flein, for
**Clapp Peterson Van Flein Tiemessen & Thorsness, LLC**

711 "H" Street, Suite 620
Anchorage, AK 99501
Direct: (907) 272-9228
Fax: (907) 272-9586

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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2008 5:05 PM
**To:** frankie_daface@yahoo.com
**Subject:** RE: appreciation

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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**From:** Johnny Gray [mailto:frankie_daface@yahoo.com]
**Sent:** Saturday, August 23, 2008 8:54 PM
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
**Subject:** appreciation

Dear Madam Governor,
I would like to say I am a 30 year Alaskan resident. And it does my heart as well as many other Alaskans good to know that we finally have a Governor that TRULY loves Alaska. Madam Governor you will go down in history as one of if not the greatest Governor Alaska has ever had. I can sit here and truly compare you to the late Governor Jay Hammond. The two of you truly love Alaska.
Thank you for your time and you will always have my vote.
Johnny Gray
Fairbanks, Alaska

***Johnny,Vickie,Josh&Frankie a.k.a Baby Dawg***

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**From:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2008 9:10 PM
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Cc:** Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
**Subject:** Financial disclosures

Pls fax my last two yrs FDs to the Anchorage office. Thanks

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2008 5:30 PM
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Cc:** Burkert; Erin E (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: Other

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov [mailto:WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov]

Sent: Saturday, August 23, 2008 9:12 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Johanna Leonard

address: 1171 Admiral Street Pittsburgh PA 15212

412-2310931

MESSAGE:

My Dear Governor Palin:

Congratulations to you and your lovely family on the birth of your son Trig. I am the Mother of 10 Children one of which is my Christian Joseph who is down syndrome. He is now 38 years old and although he is not high on the ladder of downs people in intelligence, he is high on the ladder of mine and my famlies love. Our Chris is the sweetest man. He is tender and kind and everyone who meets our Chris falls in love with him especially the ladies. They say his smile is the greatest.

I wish you and your family the best. God Love and Bless you always. I hope that Senator McCain chooses you for his running mate for you are an inspiration to us all. Love, Johanna Leonard. Pittsburgh, PA

johanna15212x1@netzero.net

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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2008 5:04 PM
**To:** jholiday@optonline.net
**Subject:** RE: Other

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov [mailto:WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov]

Sent: Saturday, August 23, 2008 9:03 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Rivka Goldstein

address: 8 Algonquin Circle Airmont NY 10952

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor-

I am so inspired by you! Even though the time was not right this election, I am confident we will all be seeing and hearing more from you on the national scene in the years to come.

In looking over your latest news, I hear about your birth to a Down Syndrome baby- may you and your husband enjoy great accomplishments and happiness with this special child.

My eighth baby was a down syndrome girl, born with a complex heart defect 11 years ago. Thank G-d, she had excellent medical care, and is now a bright star- not only in our family, but in our community as well. She has brought so much joy to all of us!

I went on to have two more beautiful children, and can attest first hand, that a large family is just the "heaven sent" place for a Down's child.

Your heart may be broken now, but G-d brings bountiful blessings to families chosen to raise these special souls.

Wishing you lots of success- and looking forward to being able to vote for you in NY in a national election!

RRG

jholiday@optonline.net

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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2008 4:57 PM
**To:** Kim; Anna C (GOV)
**Cc:** Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: Other

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov [mailto:WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov]

Sent: Monday, August 25, 2008 4:46 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. C. Rolf Milton

address: POB 770716 Eagle River AK 99577

907-223-6700

MESSAGE:

My daughter is a senior and pre-med student at Auburn University in Alabama. She has been a full-time student there since graduating from Chugiak High School. Her GPA is 3.97. Additionally, she is a life-long Alaska resident and registered voter in the state of Alaska. Her education is funded, in part, by Alaska student loans.

Recently, her 2007 permanent fund was denied because she filed an Alabama income tax return (she made a whopping $3000) for 2006. She did this because Alabama law requires it. Now, it turns out that the state of Alabama has a non-resident return form, which she did not know. She mistakenly filed a resident return. Based on that information, she will file now try to file an amended return as a non-resident. The permanent fund folks, though, don't seem to care about any of this.

By every requirement, she is entitled to her permanent fund. As you can imagine, as a student, these funds are critical to her. Of course, her PFD for 2008 is now also not

forthcoming.

However, there may be an impact that could be catastrophic for her. I am sure you are familiar with the WAMMI program. She has applied to the University of Washington Medical School. However, she can only be accepted if she is an Alaska resident. Since she has been ruled ineligible by the PFD folks, she may now be disqualified from the WAMMI program. That means that her intention to be a physician in Alaska will no longer be possible.

She needs help with the folks at the PFD department. They seem to take great glee in denying her the PFD. It seems to me that, as state employees, they should do everything possible to help residents. Am I wrong?

If there is anything that you can do to be of assistance, I would be extremely grateful.

Broker@PartnersRE.com

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| **From:** | Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov] |
| **Sent:** | Monday, August 25, 2008 4:20 PM |
| **To:** | Mason; Janice L (GOV) |
| **Cc:** | Burkert; Erin E (GOV) |
| **Subject:** | FW: Other |

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov [mailto:WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov]

Sent: Sunday, August 24, 2008 1:12 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Carl Deithloff

address: 13007 Fourth Street Fort Myers FL 33905

2396941520

MESSAGE:

Governor Palin,

While I am not a resident of Alaska, I love the people of Alaska. Their personal spirit and "Can-Do" approach to life is an inspiration to me.

You're a real class act, and someone all Americans a be proud to have as the top executive if one of the most important and beautiful states. The straight forward, common sense way in which you attack your work is really refreshing.

Anyway, thanks again for making this GOP member proud. Maybe one day you'll be sitting at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. I know it's not as pretty as Alaska, but I'm sure you would fix that in a hurry.

Sincerely, Carl Deithloff

(One of your biggest fans)

cddeithloff@aol.com

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**From:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2008 2:38 PM
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Cc:** Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
**Subject:** Re: APOC

Did u recirvr this email?

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Sun, 24 Aug 2008 19:52:44

To: Janice Mason<janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Cc: Kris Perry<kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Subject: APOC

Janice- pls fax me copies of my submitted APOC reports that we have on file in the Gov's Office. We have two year's worth of reports. Sending them tomorrow to the Anchorage Office in the monring is fine. Thanks

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2008 2:21 PM
**To:** sjperue@alaska.net
**Subject:** RE: Energy

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov [mailto:WebMail@govweb.alaska.gov]

Sent: Monday, August 25, 2008 1:16 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Energy

Web mail from: steve perue

address: p.o.box 90184 anchorage AK 99509

907-563-7756

MESSAGE:

I am quite certain that I am stating what the majority of Alaskans are thinking when I say that Governor Sarah Palin is the best thing that has ever happened in the governor's office since state hood. You are truly an amazing woman and Govenor.

Thank you so much for what you are doing for us.

Steve Perue

**Unknown**

**From:** Myron P. Naneng [mnaneng@avcp.org]

**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2008 4:45 PM

**To:** Olson; Donny (LAA)

**Cc:** Glass; John D (DPS); Spencer; Danial R (DPS); Foster; Neal (LAA); Liccioli; Denise L (LAA); Hoffman; Lyman F (LAA); Nelson; Mary (LAA); Palin; Sarah H (GOV)

**Subject:** Re: Village of Kotlik Letter

Thanks Donny for following up on this request from Kotlik. Our VPSO program has added Kotlik to the list of villages that is requesting a VPSO position. We are still slotted for 19 VPSO positions with a coordinator, which is the same number as last year. Of the nineteen, one position was a floating one, which we now have to designate to a village. Our contract this year is for 19 positions, but we received a budget for eleven. DPS made this mistake and have stated that they anticipate having more funds available from the unused DHSS funds to be redirected at later date. We anticipated additional positions for villages that currently do not have VPSO's. Though the salaries were increased, there are no additional monies for fringe benefits, health and retirement benefits, nor additional positions. As winter is coming, we can anticipate a need for more VPSO's due to higher energy costs, which will create domestic problems and desperation. If Governor Palin feels that DPS should redirect it's funding to other needs in State, she should consider funding the FIRST RESPONDERS, VPSO's. As one health provider, who keeps a tally of funds used to deal with health issues, prevention is cheaper than dealing with it at the hospital. Quyana for consideration of the need for VPSO's, and we know it is not limited to just Kotlik, but to every village that is in rural Alaska.

**"Sen. Donny Olson" <Senator_Donny_Olson@legis.state.ak.us> writes:**

Good afternoon,

I received a copy of a letter to Governor Palin from the Village of Kotlik regarding public safety issues in their community. I am very interested in getting your response to that letter.

It is my concern, and that of my colleagues from the rural areas around the State, for public safety in rural Alaska that was the impetus for the Senate VPSO Task Force last year, of which I was chair. Kotlik's letter echoes the main findings of that task force and presents an example of the kinds of situations and concerns that were the driving force behind the creation of the Senate VPSO Task Force. The Senate VPSO Task Force issued its report February 1, 2008.

There is one statement in the letter from Kotlik that is surprising to me. During the last legislative session, the Senate added additional funding to the VPSO program to increase VPSO pay, to add 15 additional VPSO positions beginning Oct 1, 2008, and to provide a small stipend to all communities with a VPSO to assist them with the cost of facilities. Not all of these increases made it to final passage, but the VPSO raise and partial funding for 15 additional VPSO positions (reduced from the Senate request to begin January 1, 2009 rather than

October 1, 2008) passed the full Legislature. So I am puzzled by the statement that AVCP had to eliminate a floating VPSO due to a budget cut to their operating budget. How can this be when funding was added to DPS to increase this program?

Another important recommendation of the Task Force was that the Department of Public Safety (DPS) would meet with the regional non-profits to come up with a short and long range plan. This was in Recommendation Number 3, which stated: "DPS and the regional non-profits should work collaboratively to develop and maintain a 5 and 10 year plan for the VPSO program, to include a status of the VPSO program and an update from the impacts of recommendations by this Task Force; and deliver a copy to the Senate by February 1, 2009". Some specific criteria to be included in that plan were identified in the details for that recommendation and included parameters to use in determining which locations should get a VPSO.

In addition to receiving your response to the Village of Kotlik's letter, I would also like an update on the status and progress of DPS meetings with the non-profits to comply with Recommendation Number 3 from the Senate VPSO Task Force report. If you have any questions, please contact my staff Denise at 465-3880.

Thank you.

Cc via fax to Della Hunt, 907-899-4790

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**From:** Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2008 12:00 PM
**To:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com
**Cc:** Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV)
**Subject:** Scheduling requests - Wed., 08.27 & Thurs., 08.28.08

Governor - I have just received two separate scheduling requests for this week. Please let me know if I may set these up.

* Mike Nizich and Randy Ruaro will both be in ANC on Thursday, 08.28.08 and would like to set up two interviews for the afternoon. This would be for the DPS Commissioner Position. It would be for approx. 20 minutes each - Privileged or Persor and Joe Masters.

* Commissioner von Scheben has asked to meet with you in regards to briefing on DOT&PF Issues. Both Mike and Randy will be in ANC on Thursday, 08.28.08 and available in the afternoon for this

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**From:** Nizich, Michael A (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MANIZICH]

**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2008 7:56 AM

**To:** 'gov.palin@yahoo.com'; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)

**Subject:** FW: Your cell

FYI

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**From:** Barnhill, Michael A (LAW)
**Sent:** Saturday, August 23, 2008 3:52 PM
**To:** tvf@cplawak.com
**Cc:** Colberg, Talis J (LAW); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: Your cell

FYI, below. This is what I sent Steve Branchflower today. Tom van Flein reviewed and approved before I sent it.

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**From:** Barnhill, Michael A (LAW)
**Sent:** Sat 8/23/2008 3:51 PM
**To:** Stephen Branchflower
**Cc:** sgherrera54@yahoo.com
**Subject:** RE: Your cell

Steve--

In our phone discussion today the primary concern and objective you expressed was the need for results from the e-mail search in a timely manner.

The best assurance I can give you is that I will endeavor to move this along as fast as I can. I can't provide precise time estimates until after we apply the search terms to some e-mail accounts and see how many e-mails surface as a result. The more e-mails there are the longer it will take to review them. I can update you next week with our sense of the timing on this.

I also indicated that I would be willing to consider the placement of some kind of safeguard in the process (such as an affidavit) that assures that all docs are accounted for. In other words, if 15 e-mails surface as a result of a search, all 15 will be accounted for either on a privilege log or in the disclosure.

In terms of time and cost of an alternative process, such as the legislature issuing subpoenas and seizing the devices, it's difficult to say. My guess is that it would significantly escalate the time and expense of this matter and we would end up before the AK SCt on a variety of issues, including DPS security concerns, constitutional privacy and separation of powers. And at the end of the day, the process imposed by the courts would probably be pretty much what we have proposed here, which is essentially a standard civil litigation process.

The search protocol we discussed last Tuesday contemplated agreement to search terms. You have provided a lengthy list of terms, some of which are much broader than the scope of the investigation. For instance "executive privilege" could encompass dozens of unrelated matters for which executive privilege has been properly asserted. Such terms could also slow down the search process. While we have not yet agreed to these search terms, my inclination at this point is to start the process with this list and see how it goes. If we find that it produces too many unrelated docs, you may wish to reconsider some of the terms on your list.

For what it's worth, Law's continuing objective has been to deal with this in a reasonable and fair manner consistent with the constitution's express requirement that legislative investigations accord all persons fair and just treatment.

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**From:** Nizich, Michael A (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MANIZICH]

**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2008 9:02 AM

**To:** 'gov.palin@yahoo.com'

**Subject:** FW: Thanks

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**From:** John Murphy [mailto:jrm.alaska@gmail.com]
**Sent:** Saturday, August 23, 2008 7:16 AM
**To:** Nizich, Michael A (GOV)
**Subject:** Thanks

Mike, I want to thank you for the opportunity to assist in locating a Commissioner for Public Safety. I have also struggled a lot about submitting my name, and I appreciate your interest. I know I could do the job and do it well. As I mentioned, Exxon is working up a proposal for me that I have tentatively agreed to.I like the Governor and I think that being able to work with you was one of the reasons the job looks so appealing. You are stable and professional. I sincerely hope the governor sees Joe Masters as we saw him during the interview. He will bring respect from the Trooper and should be able to get things under control.
thanks again
John

**Unknown**

**From:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2008 3:12 PM
**To:** Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
**Subject:** Re: pleae approve

Great! Thanks

Sent from my BlackBerry device from Cellular One

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**From:** "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>
**Date:** Mon, 25 Aug 2008 15:05:54 -0800
**To:** <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
**Subject:** pleae approve

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** **No. 08-146**

**Governor Palin Signs Energy Package**

August 25, 2008, Anchorage, Alaska – Governor Sarah Palin today signed legislation that will help Alaskans combat the high cost of energy. The Governor signed House Bill 4001 and Senate Bill 4002 into law at the home of an Anchorage resident who took advantage of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation's Weatherization and Home Energy Rebate Program.

SB 4002 uses revenues generated from the state's natural resources to provide a one-time special payment of $1,200 to every Alaskan eligible for the 2008 Permanent Fund dividend. The bill also raises by 50 percent the maximum amount of loans that bulk fuel bridge and bulk fuel revolving loan funds can make to communities and cooperatives. It also suspends the state's motor fuel tax on gasoline, marine fuel, and aviation fuel for a year and strengthens the Power Cost Equalization Program. HB 4001 is the appropriation bill.

"Alaskans who signed up for direct deposit will see these funds on September 12, along with their dividend," said Governor Palin. "In rural Alaska, particularly, many people are facing a choice between feeding their families and heating their homes, and they could use this payment from the state's energy-generated surplus to cover some of those bills."

Carol Geczy's home has been weather-stripped, insulation was added to the attic and crawl space, drafts were sealed and smoke and carbon monoxide detectors were installed. Approximately $5,000 was spent on the home with an expected energy savings of 20 to 30 percent. The improvements were made in part by AHFC's Weatherization Program.

"The Governor's resource rebate, along with AHFC's Weatherization and Home Energy Rebate programs, are putting hundreds of millions of dollars into the hands of Alaskans to help combat high energy costs," said Dan Fauske, AHFC's chief executive officer. "Investing money in making your home more energy efficient is just about the best bang for your buck you can get."

Governor Palin also signed a proclamation declaring September as "Energy Efficiency Month" in Alaska. The proclamation encourages Alaskans to lower their costs by conserving energy and by using existing energy more efficiently at work, home and on the road.

"Conserving energy and using it more efficiently doesn't necessarily mean you have to sacrifice your quality of life," said Governor Palin. "It's the little things, like making sure lights, computers and appliances are turned off – and slowing down on the road, which will save money spent on gasoline."

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Sharon Leighow
Deputy Press Secretary
Deputy Communications Director

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**From:** Brad Fluetsch [brad@fluetschfinancialservices.com]
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2008 12:06 PM
**To:** Palin; Sarah H (GOV)
**Cc:** Galvin; Patrick S (DOR)
**Subject:** Invest in Alaska Housing Finance

Dear Governor,

Please consider making a capital investment in Alaska Housing Finance Corporation so they can expand their portfolio of Alaskan mortgages. With Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac in financial trouble and the large private mortgage companies such as Countrywide and GMAC all but shut out from the capital markets, a strong and growing AHFC is good for Alaska.

No home transaction should fail because reasonably priced financing was not available.

AHFC in previous years paid dividends to the legislature, I would replace that capital at a minimum and see what benefits of giving them more would be.

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Bradley J. Fluetsch, CFA

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**From:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com
**Sent:** Sunday, August 24, 2008 10:39 PM
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Cc:** Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Morgan; Katryn L (GOV)
**Subject:** Bill signings

J- I have remarks for bill and proclamation signings for tomorrow, but there's nothing on sched reflecting any ceremonies. It sounds like I'll be in a resident's home to sign energy bill and proclamation. Do you have details?

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

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**From:** Hill, Holly R (DOA) [holly.hill@alaska.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2008 10:27 AM

**To:** info@akwildlife.org; valerie.brown@alaska.com; Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); denby.lloyd@alaska.com; Colberg; Talis J (LAW); Saxby; Kevin M (LAW); Nelson; Lance B (LAW)

**Cc:** Elizabeth J. Hickerson; Hill; Holly R (DOA); Ellingson; Christina (DOA); Bulfa; Maria F B (DOA)

**Subject:** Complainant's request for reconsideration in AK Wildlife Alliance v. SOA

With regard to the Complainant's request for Reconsideration in the Matter of Alaska Wildlife Alliance v. State of Alaska, Respondent has been given until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 29th to file a response. Complainant then has until 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 2nd to file a reply.

Holly Roberson Hill
Executive Director
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**From:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2008 6:36 AM
**To:** Katz; John W (GOV)
**Cc:** Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Kelly; Russell T (GOV)
**Subject:** Re: ANWR/Seismic

Thank you and I will speak to Sen. McCain. I understand why supporters may not want to "detract"... but many Americans sure want to see some kind progress with ANWR. Perhaps the supports are right on the tactic though- they've been fighting the battle longer than I have. Thanks

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**From:** "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>
**Date:** Mon, 25 Aug 2008 09:48:58 -0400
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin<gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
**CC:** Joseph Balash<joe.balash@alaska.gov>; Kris Perry<kris.perry@alaska.gov>; Mike Nizich<Mike.Nizich@alaska.gov>; Russ Kelly<rkelly@ALASKADC.org>
**Subject:** ANWR/Seismic

I have followed up with the White = House on your letter to President Bush supporting the request of ten = Senators to allow seismic work in the coastal plain of ANWR. While = no final decisions have been made, it doesn't look good.

The Bush Administration is concerned about = compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the compatibility = test under the National Wildlife Refuge Administration Act, lack of = funding, questions about who would do the work, etc. All of this = translates into a question of timing. At this point, I don't think = that the Administration wants to take on such a controversial issue with = so few months remaining in office, all of the rhetoric not withstanding.&nb= sp;

I tried to respond on each point, emphasizing = the non-intrusive nature of seismic work, thereby mitigating issues = involving NEPA and the compatibility test. However, I don't think I = made much progress.

One other interesting point from a Congressional= staffer. He felt that a focus on seismic activity might actually = detract from the effort to open the coastal plain to responsible = development. Many Republicans in Congress want to keep the emphasis = on the main issue with no distractions.

The tide of public opinion is clearly beginning = to turn in our favor. However, I'm not at all sure that this will = manifest itself in the Congressional energy debate that will resume = in the fall. Looking to the future, I hope that you will have a = chance to talk with Senator McCain or his people during the Republican = convention.

*John W. = Katz*
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**From:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com
**Sent:** Sunday, August 24, 2008 11:53 AM
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Cc:** Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
**Subject:** APOC

Janice- pls fax me copies of my submitted APOC reports that we have on file in the Gov's Office. We have two year's worth of reports. Sending them tomorrow to the Anchorage Office in the monring is fine. Thanks

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**From:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2008 9:29 PM
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Cc:** Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV)
**Subject:** Re: Scheduling requests - Wed., 08.27 & Thurs., 08.28.08

Pls work through Kris on these as she has a better sense of what I'll be able to add to the Anchorage schedule in the next few days. Thanks

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**From:** "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>
**Date:** Mon, 25 Aug 2008 12:00:26 -0800
**To:** <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
**CC:** Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)<kris.perry@alaska.gov>; Nizich, Michael A (GOV) <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>
**Subject:** Scheduling requests - Wed., 08.27 & Thurs., 08.28.08

Governor – I have just received two separate scheduling requests for this week. Please let me know if I may set these up.

- Mike Nizich and Randy Ruaro will both be in ANC on Thursday, 08.28.08 and would like to set up two interviews for the afternoon. This would be for the DPS Commissioner Position. It would be for approx. 20 minutes each – Privileged or Pe and Joe Masters.

- Commissioner von Scheben has asked to meet with you in regards to briefing on DOT&PF Issues. Both Mike and Randy will be in ANC on Thursday, 08.28.08 and available in the afternoon for this meeting.

NOTE: On Wednesday, 08.27.08 – The U.S. Census Bureau Headquarters Executives will be in Anchorage and have asked to meet with you. Privileged or Personal Material Redacted I have set up the meeting with Mike directly at 3:30 p.m. and have listed on your calendar as a stop by. The Executives are aware that they are meeting directly with the Acting Chief of Staff and that if your schedule permits you will be available for a short stop by. Thanks, Janice

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**From:** Steve Haagenson [shaagenson@aidea.org]

**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2008 8:04 AM

**To:** andora@nushtel.net; Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); Parnell; Sean R (GOV); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Notti; Emil R (CED); Rutherford; Marty K (DNR); Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Hoffman; Lyman F (LAA); Edgmon; Bryce E (LAA); Robin; Ralph Andersen; Hjalmer E Olson; Dave McClure; Robert Clark

**Subject:** RE: Using Royalty Oil to Lower the Cost of Fuel for Alaskans

Thank you for your e-mail on the use of royalty oil to reduce the cost of energy to Alaskans. We share the desire to provide relief to all Alaskans from the crushing weight of energy costs.

There are several popular ideas that have been discussed across Alaska, such as buying the refinery, selling crude at a lower rate and most recently capping the cost of diesel. Each idea sounds good but rapidly gets entangled in a web of constitutionality, revenue impacts, taxation, logistics, fairness, hold harmless clauses and ensuring that cost savings are passed on to Alaskans.

Both the Administration and the Legislature have struggled with the best way to reduce energy costs in Alaska. Both put their best efforts forward to identify available options and recognized the need for both a short-term and a long-term solution to stabilize the economy. The Legislature recently passed a special session energy plan that touched on both the immediate need and funding to build infrastructure for the future.

We are currently working on the Alaskan Energy Plan that will provide a focus for each community and region to reduce the cost of energy to Alaskan through the use of local fuels. Admittedly, these additions will not be ready for this winter season, but these infrastructure additions will provide some hope that there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Like you, we can see the end result if we stay on the current diesel dependency, but it has taken about thirty years to become totally dependent on oil, and it will take some time to shift off of diesel and reduce the cost of energy in Alaska.

Every State in the US has a similar issue with the rising cost of energy, fortunately Alaska has the resources and the finances to resolve the energy crisis in Alaska for many generations to come.

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**From:** Nels and Dorothy [mailto:andora@nushtel.net]
**Sent:** Monday, August 18, 2008 10:03 AM
**To:** Governor Palin; Lt. Governor Parnell; Commissioner Tom Irwin; Commissioner Emil Notti; Dep. Commissioner Marty Rutherford; Mike Nizich; Steve Haagenson; Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Robin; Ralph Andersen; Hjalmer E Olson; Dave McClure; Robert Clark
**Subject:** Using Royalty Oil to Lower the Cost of Fuel for Alaskans

August 18, 2008

Governor Sarah Palin
State of Alaska
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Re: Using Alaska State Royalty Oil to Lower the Cost of Fuel For Alaskans

Dear Governor Palin:

The article below is in line with my continuous support for using our Alaska State Royalty Oil for lowering the cost of all fuel for Alaskans.

Fuel costs are the Energy Achilles Heal for us in Alaska. We export 700,000 barrels of crude oil a day and we pay the highest fuel costs in the nation.

In Dillingham, we are paying $6.46 a gallon for gasoline and $6.23 a gallon for heating fuel. Even though Dorothy and I will each get $1200 and a PFD check, that will not pay for all of our heating fuel costs for this coming winter.

I know that the state is not responsible for paying for my fuel costs but I believe that the state has an obligation to find ways and means to lower my cost of fuel so that we can afford to pay for it.

Using our Royalty Oil effectively can lower our cost of fuel. Our constitution supports this and existing law on the books gives the Department of Natural Resources authority to move in that direction.

If we do not solve our fuel cost problems very quickly, our state will go into an economic downturn that we will have great difficulty reversing.

Please consider the use of our Alaska State Royalty Oil for in-state use at a cost that Alaskans can afford to purchase and allow us to develop our state's potential using our Royalty Oil. If that is not possible, then support from your administration is needed for the State Senate plan to cap heating fuel costs at $3.00 a gallon.

We appreciate the $1200 resource rebate but it does not solve our fuel cost problems. We also appreciate the weatherization, PCE enhancements, and other energy programs that the legislature and your administration adopted that help immensely but fall short of solving our fuel cost dilemma.

The State Senate adopted a fuel cost plan that capped the cost of heating fuel at $3.00 a gallon. Unfortunately that plan was rejected by the State House.

I urge you to seriously consider supporting the State Senate plan in 2009 and/or using our State Royalty Oil to lower our cost of fuels to prevent an energy crisis from getting worse than it already is.

Very sincerely,

Nels Anderson, Jr.

8/31/2009

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Attachment:

# State's oil could lower fuel prices

## Cheaper fuel is in 'best interest' of all Alaskans

Richard Tilly, Community Perspective

Published Sunday, August 17, 2008

With the dramatic rise in the cost of crude oil, every Alaskan has been hit with the skyrocketing costs for home heating oil, diesel fuel and gasoline. The government of Alaska is collecting a huge windfall of cash from the sale of its royalty crude oil from the North Slope as well as collecting taxes on the balance of the crude oil through the pipeline. Many residents and small businesses cannot keep up with the increased costs of refined fuels. This affects rural villages, Interior residents, Southcentral commuters, truckers and coastal fishermen.

The state government is selling its royalty oil, 3 million barrels a month, to the highest bidder and adding $100 million dollars a week to its treasury. The government is being unjustly enriched while residents' bank accounts and wallets are being bled dry. There must be a corrective action for us to survive the winter heating season, as well as afford the climbing prices for all products shipped by truck, rail, marine or aviation.

The royalty oil belongs to the people of the state, not the government. Alaskans are being stripped of their financial resources while the state government is rolling in money. We need to change the way our government thinks about its residents.

Alaska law, AS 38.05.182, "compels the Commissioner of Natural Resources to take oil and gas royalties in-kind (actually taking ownership and possession) unless he determines that taking royalty in-value (selling the crude and collecting the cash) is in the best interests of the state."

The law, AS 38.05.183 (e), also describes how to determine the state's "best interests." The decision must be based on: "The cash value offered," "The projected effects of the sale on the economy of the state," "The projected benefits of refining or processing the oil in the state," and, "The ability of the prospective buyer to provide refined products to the citizens at competitive prices."

Currently, the state is selling its royalty oil in-value, to the residents' detriment. The "projected effects of the sale on the economy of the state" need to be brought to the forefront.

Unfortunately, few people in Juneau are willing to discuss the merits and benefits of taking royalty oil

in-kind. Simply, the state needs to take our royalty crude oil and provide it to in-state refineries at a lower price, after negotiating contracts under which the refineries pass those lower prices to all Alaskans.

This action will allow us all time to explore alternate energy sources, conduct energy retro-fits to homes and businesses and procure more efficient transportation. It also will allow the private sector to put about $3 million dollars a day back into our economy, in lieu of putting its hard earned money into the state's overflowing treasury.

Alaskans use about 800,000 gallons of gasoline and about 600,000 gallons of No. 2 diesel and heating oil per day, according to the latest information from the state Division of Oil and Gas Web site.

This demand could be met with half the state's monthly allotment of royalty crude oil. The state will have plenty of surplus funds for infrastructure, schools and roads, and ample funds for running the state's bureaucracy and adding to the Permanent Fund.

The law required to do this is already exists. We just need our government to listen and act on it now.

This plan is simple; it takes little additional administration to implement, and it is fair to every Alaskan, no matter what their occupation is or their location in the state. We have already seen how the trickle up (or down) effect works. It is quite obvious that if we lower the fuel expense, then other goods and services price reductions will follow.

We all know we need to change our oil usage and learn to conserve energy of all kinds but having the citizens paying the state almost $1 billion a year in additional fuel expense is not in the "best interests" of Alaskans. It is merely an undeclared tax on the people and the economy.

There are other plans, such as the state giving away extra checks, or the state paying for one half of residents' fuel oil bills. The check giveaway plan ($1,200) involves residents paying taxes to the federal government to the tune of $200 million (which should stay in the state) and that plan does nothing to help heat our schools, hospitals or businesses.

If you live in Iowa, you should be able to buy cheap corn. If you live in Texas, you should be able to buy cheap beef. And, if you live in Alaska, you should be able to buy cheap fuel.

Call your legislators and the governor now and demand their support of royalty oil in-kind for all of Alaska. Juneau should work for us; we do not work for them. It is past time that Juneau understands this philosophy.

Time is of the essence; we cannot afford to wait any longer.

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**From:** Morgan, Katryn L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=KLMORGAN]

**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2008 10:49 AM

**To:** 'sp@hslak.com'

**Cc:** Hughes; Rosanne D (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)

**Subject:** 08.27.08 AFL-CIO Keynote

**Importance:** High

Governor,

Here are your remarks and event information for the AFL-CIO convention keynote. Many, many people have weighed in on this speech from our office (JNU/ANC), Labor, Admin, and OMB. In the event that I have left to do a site walk-through when you emerge from your interview, I will leave your briefing booklet with Britta. Please let me know if you have any concerns or questions about the remarks. Thank you!

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**From:** Morgan, Katryn L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=KLMORGAN]

**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2008 10:45 AM

**To:** 'sp@hslak.com'

**Cc:** Hughes; Rosanne D (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)

**Subject:** 08.25.08 Bill Signing & Proclamation

**Importance:** High

Governor,

Here are your remarks and event information for today's bill signing and proclamation (September is Energy Efficiency Month). Worth noting is the pronunciation of the homeowner's name whose house we will be signing in front of: Mrs. Carol Geczy is pronounced "Gate-SEE." Also, Kelly has invited Sen. Bill Weilechowski and Rep. Max Gruenberg to attend, as the home is within their district. They are trying to rework their schedules and will attend if possible. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks so much!

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**From:** Hartig, Lawrence L (DEC) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=LLHARTIG]

**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2008 2:34 PM

**To:** 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com '; McAllister; William D (GOV)

**Subject:** FW: Privileged; APOC Final Order Re: State Web Info on Large Mines & Initiatives

Governor and Bill,

Here is the status report from the DNR and AG staff regarding the APOC decision and putting the state website back up.

Thanks,
Larry

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**From:** Fogels, Edmund J (DNR)
**Sent:** Saturday, August 23, 2008 1:11 PM
**To:** Mylius, Richard H (DNR); Irwin, Tom E (DNR); Hartig, Lawrence L (DEC); Colberg, Talis J (LAW); Tillery, Craig J (LAW); Heese, Ruth Hamilton (LAW); Leonard, Cameron M (LAW)
**Cc:** Easton, Dan (DEC); Rutherford, Marty K (DNR); Lefebvre, Richard (DNR sponsored); Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Kent, Lynn J T (DEC); Grace, Joanne M (LAW); Carroll, Samantha J (DNR)
**Subject:** RE: Privileged; APOC Final Order Re: State Web Info on Large Mines & Initiatives

Attorney General Colberg, Tom, Larry, Craig—Dick beat me to this, but I also want to thank Ruth, Cam, and Dick for their efforts. They all did a tremendous job, and Ruth wore out her blue suit.

The new website is now live. You can access it from the DNR main web page, or here is the direct address:

http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/opmp/mining/mining_initiatives.htm

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**Subject:** RE: Privileged; APOC Final Order Re: State Web Info on Large Mines & Initiatives

Cam and all - Sorry about the typo in the second paragraph -- spell check changed what

should have been "particularly" into "partially" – Dick

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**From:** Mylius, Richard H (DNR)
**Sent:** Saturday, August 23, 2008 12:47 PM
**To:** Irwin, Tom E (DNR); Hartig, Lawrence L (DEC); Colberg, Talis J (LAW); Tillery, Craig J (LAW); Heese, Ruth Hamilton (LAW); Leonard, Cameron M (LAW)
**Cc:** Easton, Dan (DEC); Rutherford, Marty K (DNR); Fogels, Edmund J (DNR); Lefebvre, Richard (DNR sponsored); Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Kent, Lynn J T (DEC); Grace, Joanne M (LAW); Carroll, Samantha J (DNR)
**Subject:** RE: Privileged; APOC Final Order Re: State Web Info on Large Mines & Initiatives

Attorney General Colberg, Tom, Larry, Craig – I wanted to especially recognize Ruth's efforts helping us this week. On only a moments notice, she rearranged her schedule to come to Anchorage to be at the Tuesday (Aug 19) press availability, and ended up spending the rest of the week here to represent us before APOC in the complaint filed late Weds against DNR. Hopefully she will get back to Juneau today (Saturday). She was the primary spokesperson at several long sessions before APOC, and in between she spent her time getting prepared for the APOC hearings and coordinating with DEC and DNR and others in the AGs office. She even agreed to be interviewed by Channel 11 news, which I think Ed especially appreciated as he got more than his share of media attention this week. Somewhere in there, she also completed filing of the Chuitna un-suitability petition brief on DNR's behalf, it was submitted Weds and was a significant effort in and of itself.

Cam Leonard was also a tremendous help, partially all day and into the evening on Friday as he participated in the negotiations and the spoke extensively at the APOC hearing. He was especially helpful keeping us focused in our interagency discussions.

Ruth and Cam – thank you!

Dick

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**From:** Heese, Ruth Hamilton (LAW)
**Sent:** Saturday, August 23, 2008 12:23 AM
**To:** Palin, Sarah H (GOV); Irwin, Tom E (DNR); Hartig, Lawrence L (DEC); Easton, Dan (DEC); Rutherford, Marty K (DNR); Lefebvre, Richard (DNR sponsored); Colberg, Talis J (LAW); Tillery, Craig J (LAW); Fogels, Edmund J (DNR); Mylius, Richard H (DNR); Leonard, Cameron M (LAW); Kent, Lynn J T (DEC); Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Mulder, Steven E (LAW); Grace, Joanne M (LAW); Carroll, Samantha J (DNR)
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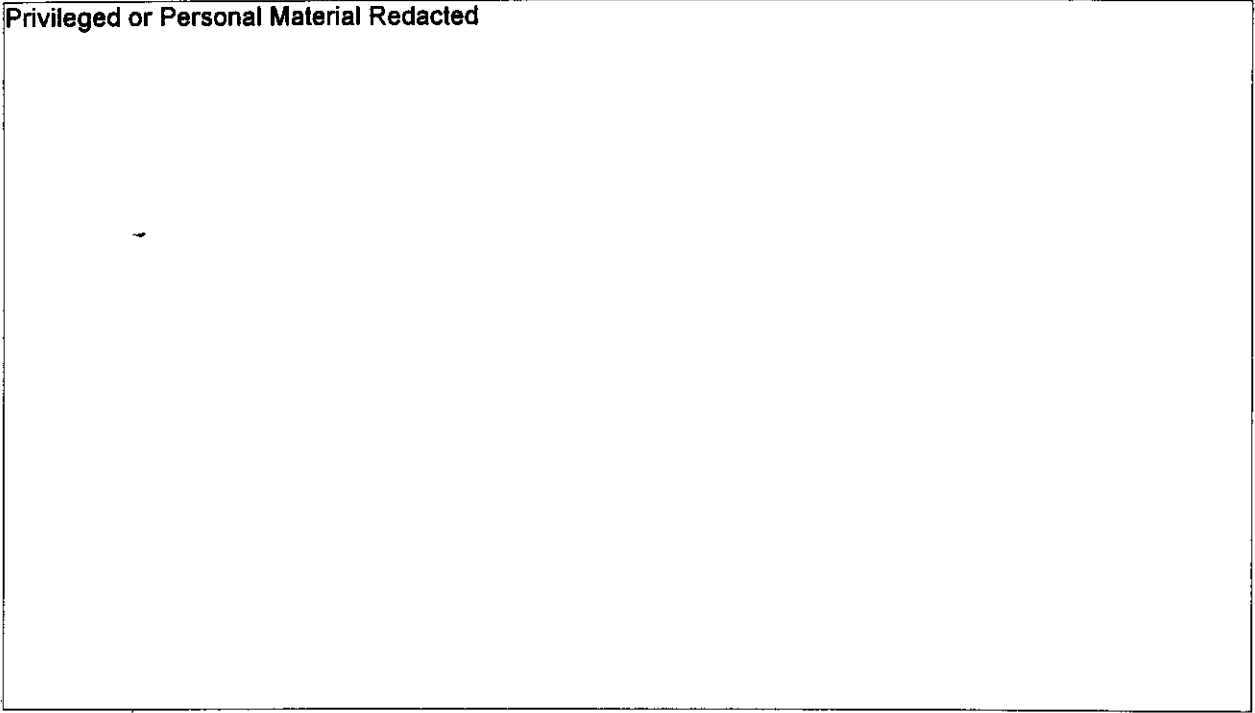
APOC rendered a final order tonight (really, last night, August 22nd) regarding the complaint filed against the state on its website dealing with the large mine permitting process and Ballot Measure 4. Here are the key rulings:

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Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the above.

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**From:** Ruaro, Randall P (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=RPRUARO]

**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2008 5:29 PM

**To:** 'sp@hslak.com'

**Subject:** FW: DOT Preparation for AML in January

Governor:

Here is the e-mail I sent to Commissioner VonScheben earlier today. My thought is to use the opportunity of the mayors being in Juneau for AML to try and resolve at least some of the issues mayors have with DOT by having them sit down with the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, regional directors, and myself.

Randy

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**From:** Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2008 12:18 PM
**To:** Von Scheben, Leo (DOT)
**Cc:** Richards, Frank T (DOT); Ottesen, Jeffery C (DOT)
**Subject:** FW:

Leo:

Please note that the Alaska Municipal League will be in Juneau for its winter meeting on January 20th and January 21st. There could be as many as a hundred mayors in Juneau for this meeting. A significant number arrive the day before. Many of the mayors ask to meet with the Governor. The subject of the meetings often relates to Transportation issues. Several mayors were critical of DOT in their meetings about transportation and road issues and DOT personnel. Often DOT version of events on a project is very different.

Rather than bounce back and forth between mayors and DOT, my suggestion is to be proactive and notify AML by a short letter that you, Frank, and Jeff are available for meetings the day before (January 19) and during the AML winter conference in Juneau (January 20-21). Mayors wanting to discuss transportation issues should contact Teri to set up appointments. You may even want to have Gordon Keith (Central Region) and Steve Titus (Northern Region) available in Juneau. I will also help out in any way possible and attend meetings.

Mayor Hornaday from Homer was particularly critical last February and said that in years past, it has been tradition with the best Commissioners at DOT that project summaries for each community are worked up ahead of time by staff and available for the mayors to review with the Commissioner or his top level staff. While I am not sure if this is true or not, being prepared ahead of time does not seem like a bad idea.

Any thoughts?

Randy

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**From:** Mason, Janice L (GOV)
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2008 9:45 AM
**To:** Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)
**Cc:** Provost, Kathryn T (GOV)
**Subject:**

Welcome to AML Online, the official website of the Alaska Municipal League. AML Online is designed

to provide municipal, affiliate and associate members with up-to-date information about league programs, services, and news impacting Alaska's Municipalities. The Alaska Municipal League is a voluntary, nonprofit, nonpartisan, statewide organization of 140 cities, boroughs, and unified municipalities, representing over 97 percent of Alaska's residents.

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This Month's Touchstone

Bills On The Move

This Week's E-Bulletin

| Download |
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| Alaska Village Electric Cooperative (AVEC) Letter to Governor Palin & Emergency Fuel Resolution (pdf) |
| AML 2008 Municipal Fuel Survey (pdf) |

Upcoming Events

AML Summer Legislative Meeting
August 27-28, 2008
Wrangell, Alaska

AML 58th Annual
Local Government Conference
November 10-14, 2008
Ketchikan, Alaska
*Register Now Online!*

AML Winter Legislative Meeting
January 20 & 21, 2009
Juneau, Alaska

Future AML Conference Dates

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